

16 December 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

1. Gordon White, Washington representative of the Chicago AMERICAN (Hearst) and of the DESERET NEWS, Salt Lake City (Mormon Church), said he had been talking to a senator whose name he wasn't free to reveal. The senator told him that he was unhappy about CIA. He said that the senator is on the Senate Appropriations Committee and that this year he is going to do his utmost to have the Director appear before the full Senate Appropriations Committee to answer some questions regarding the Agency's activities. He said that Mr. Dulles was scheduled to appear last year but was never called up.
2. He also said that it had been alleged that CIA representatives in the Fourth Army area have gone to CIA representatives and asked them to turn over to the CIA their CIC reports before they furnish them to their military commanders.
3. White was friendly. I explained to him that the Director has appeared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the Joint Atomic Energy Committee, the Senate Armed Services Committee, the House Appropriations Committee and others, and that we fight our budget out before the Bureau of the Budget like any other government agency and that while Mr. Dulles may not have appeared before the full Committee there are subcommittees of carefully selected members of Congress who, in executive session, hear Mr. Dulles and that he has never yet declined to answer any questions at any of these authorized subcommittee hearings.
4. I gave Mr. White a rather complete fill-in on the Agency's function, on the Office of National Estimates, and etc. He said he was sure that this particular senator did not understand the workings of this Agency. He also said that the Director was quoted as having stated, before the National Capital Planning Commission when our new building was being considered, the number of square feet per individual in the new building, which would mean there are 8,000 employees. I told him this was just not a fact. Mr. Dulles has never publicly stated the personnel strength of CIA because he is forbidden by law to do so. Estimates on our strength have run from 3,000 to 30,000.

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Spoke to [] about this.

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Her copy had a note by Mr. K

next to the 2nd para, "Called

[]" but nothing had been

written on it. [] said she

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would check with Mr. K to

see whether he was planning

to write a memo on it.

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in Dec. Kirk reported on this meeting of 24 Dec.

SUSPENSE: 5 Jan

Mr. Kirkpatrick reported on this in the Deputies Meeting of 24 Dec. He stated that he had learned that the report concerned passing CIC information to CIA prior to its being dispatched through command channels was a complete distortion of the facts. He has not yet been able to ascertain who the Senator is but is endeavoring to do so.



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